

## Parashat Vayechi - 10th/11th January 2025

This week's kiddush has been sponsored by the Tagers to celebrate the bar mitzvahs of Zac and Jesse. Mazal tov to parents Suzanne and Joe, sister Adi and grandparents Lynda & Jonathan Hyman and Esther & Romie Tager.

After Minchah, Rabbi Kurzer will be giving a shiur continuing on *'Electricity on Shabbat'*.

Please find attached this week's yahrzeit list.

Shabbat shalom

## Service Times

Earliest Candle lighting: **3:22pm**

Latest Candle lighting: **3:58pm**

Kabbalat Shabbat: **3:45pm**

Shacharit: **9:15am**

Minchah: **3:45pm**

Shabbat ends: **5:07pm**

**The fast of Tevet ends at 5pm today.**

**Weekday service times: Shacharit:**

**Sunday - 8:30am, Monday &**

**Thursday - 7:15am, Tuesday &**

**Wednesday - 7:25am, Friday - 7am**

**Mincha/Ma'ariv: Sunday to Friday - 4.10pm**

Youth services start @10.45am; all others at 11am

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON YOUTH ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CONTACT OUR YOUTH DIRECTORS, MIA & ARIEL: [YOUTH@GGSHUL.ORG.UK](mailto:YOUTH@GGSHUL.ORG.UK)

## Happy Birthday

Sidney Bloch-Levy  
Natan Corin  
Sara Cohen  
Ella Bensoor  
Saskia Shaw

## Bnei Akiva

BA will resume next Shabbat, 18th January.

## upcoming events

Please see below for details of all GGS events coming up in the next few weeks and join us!

### Gemara Shiur

The gemara shiur resumes on Tuesday 14th January at 8pm in shul. All welcome!  
Recordings can be found [here](#).



### Friday Night Specials

We are excited to be continuing our special Friday night kiddushim and events over the next few weeks - please make a note of these in your diaries!



### Pizza & Torah Series

We are delighted to invite you and your children/grandchildren (ages 8-18) to another series of Pizza & Torah! This is a fantastic opportunity to spend meaningful time together while exploring the richness of Mishna with fabulous workbooks. The dates are 18th January, 15th February from 6pm to 7:15pm. Please email [hadassah@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:hadassah@ggshul.org.uk) if you would like to attend.



### Foundations of Parenting

Join Hadassah for a monthly parenting workshop (21st January, 4th March and 1st April) designed for mothers of toddlers and primary school children. These sessions blend Jewish wisdom and practical advice to support you on your parenting journey. To sign up, please email [hadassah@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:hadassah@ggshul.org.uk)



### Young Families Friday Night Dinner - 24th January

There will be a Young Families Friday night dinner in shul on the 24th January. The booking link will be sent shortly!

### Wednesday Parsha Club

The Wednesday Parsha club is back for a second term and starts on the 29th January at the home of Rebbetzen Kurzer! This engaging and meaningful group is open to men and women of any age or stage. We would love to particularly welcome parents looking after babies. If you are working from home or locally, feel free to BYOL (bring your own lunch), we keep to time and will be finished on the hour. Tea, coffee and light snacks are provided. Interesting discussion, relevant and contemporary topics provided too. Please do join us! We look forward to seeing you on the 29th January.



### Women's Levana Nights Series

We are excited to announce that we will be running a women's Rosh Chodesh series which will be starting on motsei Shabbat 1st February at 8pm. The first one will be at the UCL Observatory in Mill Hill. Booking is essential as we are limited for numbers. Please click [here](#) to book.

Please note that there are a few accessibility issues: There are some steep staircases (no lifts) and there is no parking onsite, apart from very limited number disabled spots. You can find parking spaces on the roads about a 5-10 minute walk away.



### Bnei Akiva Shabbat Ha'irgun - 7th/8th February

Please save the date for the BA Shabbat Ha'irgun on the 7th & 8th February. Details and booking link to follow.



### Whisky Tasting Evening - 8th February

GGs are holding a whisky tasting fundraising event with refreshments and an auction! Tickets are £40. To book your place, please click [here](#)

If you would like to sponsor a bottle or have anything you would be willing to donate for a raffle, please contact the shul office on 8455 2460 or [office@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:office@ggshul.org.uk)



### Bat Mitzvah Course

We look forward to seeing bat mitzvah girls with their parents at our hands-on learning journey on Mondays 27th January, 24th February, 24th March, 28th April, 19th May, 23rd June and 13th July from 7:30pm to 8:45pm. To register your interest or for more information, please email [hadassah@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:hadassah@ggshul.org.uk).



### The US Membership Campaign

There are just 3 weeks left of the United Synagogue's campaign, offering 50% off membership for one year for new members\*.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to join GGS, please contact Joanna at the shul office on 020 8455 2460 or [office@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:office@ggshul.org.uk)



### GGs Rotas - Security & Kiddushim

Please sign up for security on Shabbat mornings – we need you to help keep us all safe,. Click [here](#) to sign up.

Please also sign up for kiddush on Shabbat mornings. If you can help, please do sign up by clicking [here](#)



### Anim Zemirot & Parasha Tidbits

Would your son like to lead Yigdal on Friday night or Anim Zmirot on Shabbat morning? Do you have a teenage boy or girl who would like to deliver a 2-minute Parasha Tidbit? Email [Gabriel](mailto:Gabriel) for more information.

### Jokes

I told my wife she drew her eyebrows too high. She seemed surprised.  
What's the best way to burn 1,000 calories? Forget the pizza in the oven.  
I don't play soccer because I enjoy the sport. I just do it for kicks.

### Useful Contacts

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